

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information management method of managing information generated in a group including a plurality of persons, said method comprising:

5 managing first information indicating a hierarchical order of a plurality of jobs, second information indicating a time sequence in executing the plurality of jobs, third information indicating a relationship between each job and a final product
10 finally produced in executing that job, and fourth information indicating a relationship between each job and an intermediate product generated during that job; and

15 selectively displaying the first to fourth information to be managed on a screen.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of jobs include a job generated in the group, and a job generated by a person.

20 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the selectively displaying includes displaying one of the first to fourth information in response to a request from a person in a form which integrates a job associated with that person and a job generated in the group.

25 4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the first to fourth information are managed by a server computer, and one of the first to fourth information is

sent from the server computer to a client computer in response to a request from the client computer.

5 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the selectively displaying includes displaying a Gantt chart which expresses the hierarchical order of the plurality of jobs and a Gantt chart which expresses the sequence of the plurality of jobs on independent screens.

10 6. An information management apparatus for managing information generated in a group including a plurality of persons, said apparatus comprising:

15 a management unit configured to manage first information indicating a hierarchical order of a plurality of jobs, second information indicating a time sequence in executing the plurality of jobs, third information indicating a relationship between each job and a final product finally produced in executing that job, and fourth information indicating a relationship between each job and an intermediate product generated during that job; and

20 a display control unit configured to selectively display the first to fourth information managed by the management unit on a screen.

25 7. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of jobs include a job generated in the group and a job generated by a person.

8. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

said display control unit displays one of the first to fourth information in response to a request from a person in a form which integrates a job associated with that person and a job generated in the group.

5 9. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the first to fourth information are managed by a server computer, and one of the first to fourth information is sent from the server computer to a client computer in response to a request from the client computer.

10 10. The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said display control unit displays a Gantt chart which expresses the hierarchical order of the plurality of jobs and a Gantt chart which expresses the sequence of the plurality of jobs on independent screens.

15 11. A recording medium storing computer-executable program code for managing information generated in a group including a plurality of persons, said program code comprising:

 displaying first information indicating a
20 hierarchical order of a plurality of jobs on a screen in case of receiving a first request;

 displaying second information indicating a time sequence in executing the plurality of jobs on a screen in case of receiving a second request;

25 displaying third information indicating a relationship between each job and a final product finally produced in executing that job on a screen in

case of receiving a third request; and

displaying fourth information indicating a
relationship between each job and an intermediate
product generated during that job on a screen in case
5 of receiving a fourth request.

12. The medium according to claim 11, wherein the
plurality of jobs include a job generated in the group
and a job generated by a person.

10 13. The medium according to claim 11, wherein the
selectively displaying includes displaying one of the
first to fourth information in response to a request
from a person in a form which integrates a job
associated with that person and a job generated in the
group.

15 14. The medium according to claim 11, wherein the
selectively displaying includes displaying a Gantt
chart which expresses the hierarchical order of the
plurality of jobs and a Gantt chart which expresses the
sequence of the plurality of jobs on independent
20 screens.